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Rome, March 6. N. S.

THE Pope has given out Commissions for raising 3600 Foot, and 600 Dragoons; When these Levies are finished, Commissions will be dispatched for raising 3000 Men more; And 'tis said, the Pope is in Treaty with the Popish *Swiss* Cantons for 6000 Men, and that 3000 of them will be put into *Mantua*. The Cardinal *de Fourbin* had Audience the last week of the Pope, and pressed him very earnestly to grant the Investiture of the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily* to the King of *Spain*, and proposed an Alliance to be made between the Pope, the Most Christian King, the *Venetians*, and other Princes and States of *Italy*, to prevent the Imperial Forces entring into this Country; but the Pope did not give him a Satisfactory Answer to either of these Points. Letters from *Naples* say, the Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, at the desire of the Count *de Tesse* who Commands the *French* Forces in the *Milanese*, has sent thither a considerable quantity of Corn, which the People of *Naples* seem much dissatisfied at, apprehending such Exportations will very much raise the Price of Bread.

Venice, March 17. This Senate have raised several new Taxes for supporting their present extraordinary Expences; Troops and Warlike Provisions are daily sent to their Places of *Terra-firma*; and Proveditore-General *Molino* is at *Asola* in the Province of *Brescia*, to give the necessary Orders in those Parts. The Cardinal *d'Estrees* received this week an Express, in Answer (as 'tis believed) to what he dispatched to the *French* Court, concerning his Negociation here; 'Tis said, that to the Proposals he has made from the Most Christian King, this Republick have hitherto only returned general Compliments. The *French* Minister at *Modena* has presented a Memorial to that Duke, requiring him to demolish *Barsello* within a certain time, and letting him know, That he must otherwise expect the Effects of the Most Christian King's Displeasure. Signior *Grimani*, Commissioner for settling the Limits between the *Venetian* and *Turkish* Territories, having finished his Negociation, is daily expected here from *Dalmatia*. The Senate have appointed Signior *Giovanni Delfino* to be Proveditore-Extraordinary of the Province of *Friuli*, and Signior *Angelo Martello* to be Proveditore-Extraordinary of *Istria*; and Signior *Nicolo Delfino* is chosenn to go Ambassador from this State to the Court of *Vienna*.

Dantzick, March 19. Letters from *Birtzen* in *Lithuania* give an Account, that the King of *Poland* is gone from thence to *Warsaw*, and the Czar is returned to *Muscovy*; 'Tis said, they have renewed their Alliance against *Sweden*; That the King of *Poland*'s Forces are to make an Inroad into *Livonia* as soon as the Season will permit, and that the Czar is to assist him with Money for carrying on the War. The King of *Poland* has appointed Commissioners to Accommodate the Differences between the House of *Sapieha* and the Confederated Nobility of *Lithuania*, and they are shortly to begin their Conferences for that purpose.

Vienna, March 16. Count *Herberstein* is gone from hence to assemble and command the Emperor's Forces as they advance to the Frontiers of *Italy*; Seven Regiments of Foot of 2500 Men each, are part arrived in the Country of *Tirol*, and part on their March thither, and the rest of the Imperial Regiments of Foot designed for that Service, have Orders to begin their March the 20th, and all the Horse and Dragoons the 31st of this Month. Count *Staremberg*'s Baggage goes away to day, and he himself will soon follow, as will likewise Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, who is to have a Troop of Life-Guard of 150 chosen Men. There are now on the *Rhine* 9 or 10 Imperial Regiments of Horse and Foot, and others are moving that way. The Emperor has sent the Count *de Trautsmandorf* in the Quality of his Ambassador to the *Swiss* Cantons. The Deputies of the Circle of *Swabia* continue still here.

Francfort, March 23. The Elector Palatine's Regiment of Foot-Guards which was quartered in and about *Manheim*, is marched towards the Country of *Juliers*, and another Regiment of Foot of the said Elector's Forces, has Orders to march the same way. The Imperialists continue to Reinforce the Garrisons of *Philipsburgh*, *Kiel*, and *Brisac*, and to provide Magazines for their Troops that are coming towards the *Rhine*. Levies are making in these Parts for the Service of the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp*. The Baron *de Meyer*, one of the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Council, is arrived here from *Brussels* in his way to *Munick*, whither he is going to cause the necessary Preparations to be made against his Electoral Highness's Arrival. They write from *Alsace*, that the *French* have taken 900 Men out of the Militia to recruit their Troops, and that they require a greater number of the Country for the same purpose; The *French* employ at this time 3 or 4000 Boors in repairing the small Forts and Redoubts which they formerly built along the *Rhine*; The *French* Officers in those Parts are ordered to have their Field Equipages in a readiness.

Cologne, March 25. The Elector of *Bavaria* arrived yesterday in the evening at *Bon*, where he designs to continue till the *Easter* Holidays are over. His Electoral Highness's Forces that were in the *Spanish Netherlands*, consisting in 5 Regiments of Foot, are returning home; Part of them are already arrived in the Archbishoprick of *Cologne*, and the rest are shortly expected, and Boats are provided here to carry them up the *Rhine*. Six Companies of 120 Men each, of the Regi-